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## PRESIDENT SENDS FULBRIGHT TO SEE GREEKS AND TURKS

Senator to Go to Ankara and  
Athens to Voice Concern  
of U.S. on Cyprus Issue

'FACT-FINDING' MISSION

No Mediation or Suggestions  
to End Conflict Planned,  
White House Stresses

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WASHINGTON, May 3—The White House announced today that Senator J. W. Fulbright would fly to Greece and Turkey at President Johnson's request to convey United States concern over the Cyprus crisis.

The Arkansas Democrat, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called on Mr. Johnson this afternoon to discuss his trip. He will leave tomorrow.

Senator Fulbright expects to spend one day each in Ankara and Athens. He described his trip as a "fact-finding" mission suggested by the President. It was understood that the request originated late last week.

To Express Concern

"Senator Fulbright will express to the Greek and Turkish Governments the continuing interest and concern of both the President and Congress with the disturbing situation on Cyprus," the White House statement said.

The statement said the Senator would also inform the two governments of "the sense of urgency felt in the United States regarding the need for the restoration of order on the island." He will "report to the President his impressions as to the views of the Greek and Turkish Governments," it said.

The White House emphasized, however, that Senator Fulbright would not attempt any mediation efforts or submit any suggestions on behalf of the United States for the settlement of the Cypriot crisis.

Any settlement, the White House said, "must await the proposals of the United Nations mediator." The mediator is Sakari S. Tuomioja of Finland.

The Fulbright mission was suggested by President Johnson at a time of growing concern over the inability thus far of the 7,000-man United Nations

peace-keeping force in Cyprus to assure stability on the island.

Fighting erupted between the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities in Cyprus last December. The main cause was a dispute over the constitutional veto over legislation held by the Turkish community, which is outnumbered four to one.

There was considerable fighting in Cyprus last week and officials fear that a resumption of attacks by Greek Cypriotes after the current Greek Orthodox Easter holidays may lead to a strong reaction by Turkey.

Turkey's concern was forcefully expressed here last week by her Foreign Minister during the meetings of the Central Treaty Organization's Ministerial Council.

President Johnson asked Senator Fulbright to undertake the mission in conjunction with the Senator's long-planned European trip. Mr. Fulbright has speaking engagements next week in The Hague and Copenhagen.

He plans to fly to London tomorrow and he will probably be in Ankara Wednesday and Athens Thursday. He has no plans to visit Cyprus.